agreed that every effort would be made to expedite supply of the equipment.

**Liquidation of Lucknow Upbhokta Sahkari Bhandar Ltd**

3115. SHRI B. L. PANWAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from some Member of Parliament to the effect that the State Government may be directed to cancel the liquidation orders against Lucknow Kendriya Upbhokta Sahkari Bhandar Ltd., Naya Bazar, Lucknow and clear the arrears of salary of the staff; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the response of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was taken up with the State Government who informed that the accumulated losses of the Bhandar upto 1985-86 were Rs. 95.48 lakhs and it was not feasible to revive it. Moreover, it has been reported that a writ petition has been filed in High Court (Lucknow bench) and the matter is subjudice.

**Provident fund contribution by Newspapers employees in Uttar Pradesh**

3116. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) The daily newspaper establishments in Uttar Pradesh which have collecetd Provident Fund contributions from employees but have not deposited these amounts in Provident Fund Commissioner's Office or their own (employees) contributory fund for the last three years; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against them under the amended law?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The following daily News-paper establishments in Uttar Pradesh have not deposited the provident fund contributions (including employees' share of contributions) during the last 3 years:—

(i) M|s Vishwamitra Press, Kanpur.

(ii) M|s Associated Journals, Lucknow.

(iii) M|s Northern India Patrika, Lucknow.

(b) The EPF authorities are taking the following action for recovery of the outstanding dues:—

(i) Filing of prosecutions under section 14 of the EPE Act;

(ii) Filing of complaints under section 406|409 of IPC;

(iii) Issuing of Revenue Recovery Certificates under section 8 of the EPF Act.

**Increase in the fees of tax audit**

3117. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fees of Tax-Audit has been increased by Rs. 10,000 per auditor in NCCF during 1987-88;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no reference was made to the existing tax auditors before increasing fees and changing them;